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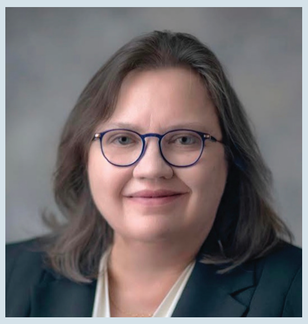
THE 3RD ANNUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SYMPOSIUM

Fostering Professionalism Through Compassion, Ethics and Empathetic Conflict Resolution

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM | Virtual

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Kathleen Reeves, MD, FAAP
President & CEO,
The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

TALK TITLE
From Tension to Trust: Building Kind and Safe Healthcare through the Human Connection

Ashraf Rushdy, PhD, MA
Professor of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, African American Studies, and English
Wesleyan University

Elka Jacobson-Dickman, MD, MHA
Associate Dean for Clinical Medicine
Downstate Health Sciences University

Carla Boutin-Foster, MD, MSc
Associate Dean, Office of Diversity Education and Research
Downstate Health Sciences University

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9:00 AM
Welcome & Opening Remarks
Symposium Planning Committee Representative

9:10 AM
Grounding Exercise: Setting the Tone for Compassionate Dialogue
Carla Liberatore, MD

9:20 AM
Plenary Session: From Tension to Trust: Building Kind and Safe Healthcare through the Human Connection
Kathleen Reeves, MD, FAAP

10:15 AM
Break

10:20 AM
The Moral Emotions in the Theater of Work
Ashraf Rushdy, PhD, MA

11:20 AM
Reimagining the Chief Complaint: From Presentation to Consequences
Carla Boutin-Foster, MD, MSc, Elka Jacobson-Dickman, MD, MHA

12:05 PM
Kudos Recipients Celebration

12:25 PM
Conversations That Shape the Future
Student Panelists: Anastasia Bui, Francesca Kabemba, Hannah Brown, Julius Wu, Allison Carrol, Amanda Lopez, Samantha Bostic, Andrew Sullivan, Kevin Quirk, Kyle Reed

1:00 PM
Grounding Exercise: Wrap-Up
Carla Liberatore, MD

1:10 PM
Closing Remarks
Riccardo Bianchi, PhD, Jason M. Lazar, MD, PhD, MPH

1:30 PM
Adjourn